

REMARKS

This amendment is response to the BPAI decision dated May 1, 2012 wherein the Board indicated that the Examiner did not err in rejecting claims 9, 13-15, 18 and 21, but erred in rejecting claims 1-8, 10-12, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 22. In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 9, 13-15, 18 and 21 and amended claims 10, 16 and 19 to be in independent form and modified the dependency of claims 13 and 14.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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